

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2020-172-E - ORDER NO. 2020-559  
NOVEMBER 24, 2020

IN RE: Dominion Energy South Carolina,	)	ORDER CONTINUING
Incorporated - Request to Continue and	)	AND EXTENDING
Extend Prior Approved Nuclear Outage	)	NUCLEAR OUTAGE
Accrual Mechanism to V.C. Summer	)	ACCRUAL MECHANISM
Nuclear Station Refueling Outage No. 26	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.’s (“DESC” or “Company”) Request to Continue and Extend Prior Approved Nuclear Outage Accrual Mechanism to V.C. Summer Nuclear Station Refueling Outage No. 26. In South Carolina Electric & Gas Company’s (now DESC) last rate case in Docket No. 2012-218-E, the Commission ordered the Company to establish a Nuclear Refueling Outage Accrual Mechanism for outages 21 – 25, which spanned the next 90 months (7.5 years). The Order provided that any over-collected or under-collected balance in the account would be carried forward with carrying costs from one outage to another. According to DESC’s (formerly SCE&G) filing of July 27, 2020, the Nuclear Refueling Outage Accrual Mechanism will have expired on June 30, 2020, pursuant to the accrual time period authorized by Order No. 2012- 951.

In the Petition, DESC states that they will request an extension of the Nuclear Refueling Outage Accrual Mechanism through Refueling Outage No. 30 in the next rate case. Until then, they will need an extension from the expiration date of June 30, 2020, to

the date of the order in the next proceeding. Currently, DESC has accrued \$128.9 million at a levelized annual charge of \$17,188,807, and its actual costs were \$132.1 million for refueling outages 21-25 with a current under-collected balance in the Accrual Mechanism Account of \$3.2 million.

DESC states that, as a part of its forthcoming electric base rate proceeding in Docket No. 2020-125-E, the Company will ask the Commission to extend the Accrual Mechanism through Refueling Outage No. 30. The Company further states that it will provide information about its planned expenses for Refueling Outages Nos. 26-30 and will ask the Commission to reset the monthly accrual to reflect that amount as well as the \$3.2 million under-collection carried from the existing accrual.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed this matter and does not object to the request subject to addressing the reasonableness of the under-collected costs at the forthcoming rate base proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request is approved to allow DESC to apply the Nuclear Refueling Outage Accrual Mechanism, *nunc pro tunc*, as of June 30, 2020, as established in Order No. 2012-951 and to (a) recognize a levelized nuclear refueling outage expense of \$1,432,401 per month, and (b) record that amount and the expenses incurred in Refueling Outage No. 26 to that account. While the Accrual Mechanism will not immediately impact rates, parties will not be precluded from addressing these costs at either a forthcoming rate proceeding or a future fuel proceeding.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Florence P. Belser", is written over a horizontal line.

Florence P. Belser, Vice Chairman  
Public Service Commission of  
South Carolina